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The important conclusions of NIE 54-58 remain valid. The estimate noted that communal strife was a growing problem and that conflicts which could create major security problems were likely to occur, although it did not anticipate that the communal riots would occur so soon or be so violent. We did not anticipate that the Governor General was capable of acting so forthrightly in an emergency as he did during the May riots.

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